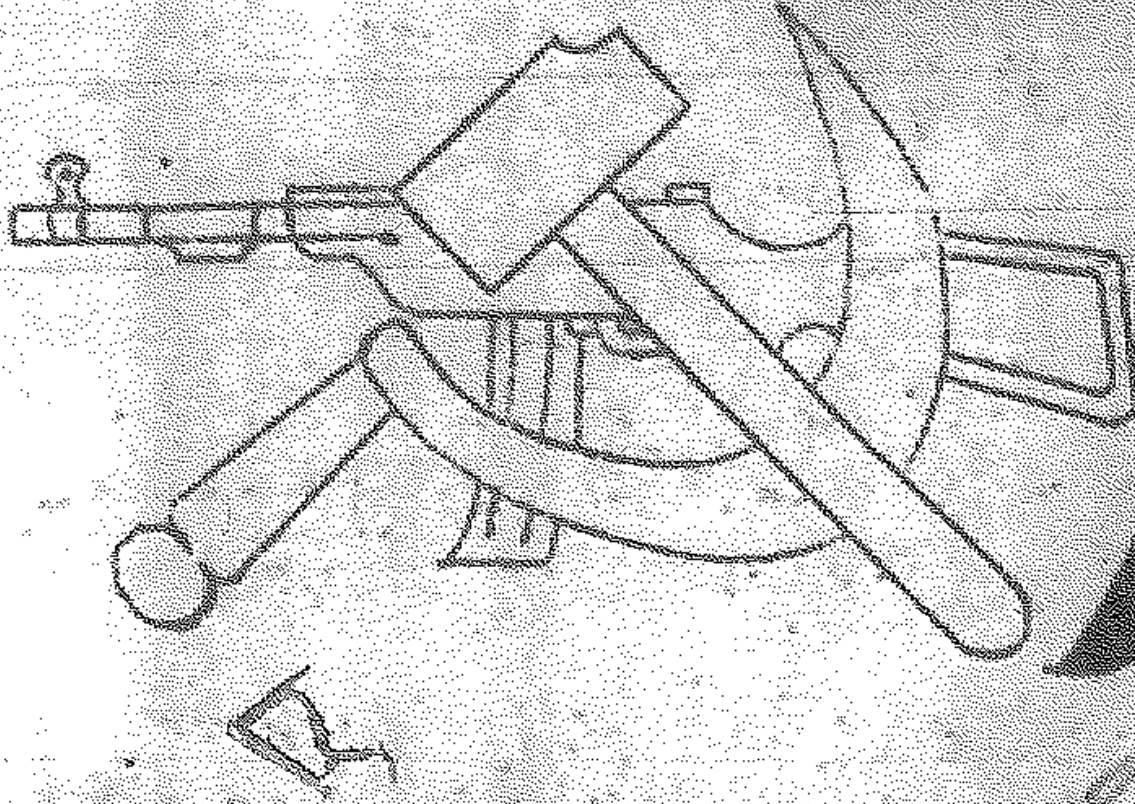


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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL MINORITIES IN THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION

The Communist Party of the Philippines hereby expresses its revolutionary militant support for the armed struggle for self-determination among the Muslim and non-Muslim national minorities of Mindanao.

The root causes of the suffering of all national minorities in the Philippines are U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. In fighting for freedom, the national minorities of Mindanao should deliver deadly blows against these evils.

Using deception and armed force, U.S. imperialism was the power that first enforced in Mindanao the Christian chauvinist laws that dispossessed the national minorities of their lands in complete disrespect for customs and local laws. These Christian chauvinist laws have benefitted U.S. imperialism and its local running dogs--the big landgrabbers.

Following the dictates of its imperialist and landlord masters, the present puppet republic has continued the policy of allowing the big owners of plantations, ranches, logging concessions, mining concessions and the like to grab the lands of the Muslim and non-Muslim national minorities and also the small homesteads of peasant settlers from Luzon and Visayas.

The national minorities should pursue a policy of uniting the workers, the peasants, the urban petty bourgeoisie and the small merchants and entrepreneurs to fight, isolate and destroy their oppressors and exploiters--the U.S. subsidiaries, the big compradors, the big landlords and the bureaucrat capitalists.

The national minorities should see to it that they are not misled into communal strife that is based on religious differences and is bereft of the correct revolutionary class analysis. The Muslim and non-Muslim national minorities should unite and not be divided among themselves. They should also seek to win over the peasant settlers from Luzon and Visayas in order to oppose Christian chauvinism and the collaboration between Christian and Muslim exploiters who owe loyalty to the oppressive Manila government. This tactic will strengthen the national minorities and will frustrate the enemy tactic of manipulating peasant settlers against them.

The Party firmly opposes the Manila government's policy of deploying its military forces against the national minorities of Mindanao and whitewashing the bloody crimes perpetrated. The national minorities of Mindanao have already suffered more than enough of the violence manipulated from Manila by the big bourgeoisie, the landlord class and the bureaucrat capitalists. The whitewashing of the Corregidor massacre has proven once and for all that the Manila

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government is an evil perpetrator of injustice on the national minorities.

The Manila government under the Marcos fascist puppet clique cannot justify its policy of counter-revolutionary violence by maligning the struggle for self-determination among the national minorities of Mindanao as something manipulated from abroad or as something motivated by religious fanaticism.

The Party pledges to support the national minorities of Mindanao in their life-and-death struggle for self-determination. The New People's Army is fighting in several areas in the Philippines in conscious support of this struggle.

Cadres of the Party now in Mindanao will help the national minorities to fight the common enemy. Units of the New People's Army arising in Mindanao shall unite and coordinate with the armed forces of the national minorities.

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